

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF THE JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY MEMORIAL LIBRARY LOCATED AT 190 WEST 49 STREET (A/K/A 4800 PALM AVENUE) AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PURSUANT TO HIALEAH CODE §46-40(a)(2).**

**WHEREAS**, the JFK Library is of historic, cultural and architectural significance to the City of Hialeah; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the JFK Library, at the southeast corner of West 49 Street and West 2 Avenue, began in 1964 and was completed in 1965, by utilizing funds acquired through the Library Services and Construction Act, signed into law by President Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the construction of JFK Library, books in Hialeah were collected as part of a woman's club project, and kept on porches, school portables and, later, City Hall, until the club turned its collection of about 3,000 volumes over to the City, which housed the books at Benny Babcock Park and hired a full-time librarian; and

**WHEREAS**, the JFK Library is an example of the modernist architectural movement of the 1960s, a movement that strived to reconcile the underlying principles of architectural design with the modernization and technological advances of society, by stressing functionality, simplifying forms, and eliminating unnecessary ornamentation; and

**WHEREAS**, common themes of modern architecture present in the JFK Library include, but are not limited to, simplicity and clarity of forms, visual expression of the structure, use of industrially-produced materials, visual emphasis on horizontal and vertical lines, and the notion of "form follows function"; and

**WHEREAS**, the historic designation of the JFK Library will inspire private parties to preserve buildings that are testimonies to the City's history, as well as examples of historic architectural styles expressive of social, political and technological developments of a particular time period, and could play a positive role in future grant applications to help restore the JFK Library and bring it back to its original design concept; and

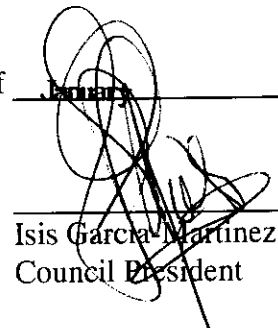
**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Board recommended approval of the designation of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Library as a historic landmark on December 13, 2011.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1:** The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2:** The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Library is hereby designated as a local historic landmark pursuant to Hialeah Code §46-40(a)(2).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2012.

  
Isis Garcia-Martinez  
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 12 day of January, 2012.

  
David Concepcion  
Acting City Clerk

  
Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

  
William M. Grodnick  
City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes", Councilmember Casals-Munoz absent.